

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Lauderdale City Hall
1891 Walnut Street
Lauderdale, MN 55113

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July 25, 2017

Roll Call

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Councilors present: Jeff Dains, Kelly Dolphin, Andi Moffatt, and Mayor Mary Gaasch.
Councilors absent: Roxanne Grove.

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator; Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator; and Miles Cline, Deputy City Clerk.

Approvals

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any changes to the meeting agenda. There being none, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any changes to the meeting minutes. There being none, Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2017 City Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Dolphin to approve the claims totaling \$24,558.62. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to approve the consent agenda thereby acknowledging the June Financial Report and the Quarterly Investment Report, and approving the Temporary On-Sale Liquor License request. Motion carried unanimously.

Informational Presentations / Reports

A. National Night to Unite

Bownik approached the Council to give an update on the Night to Unite events. He informed them that most of the parties will be running from 6-9 p.m. on August 1, and that six block parties were organized this year.

B. City Council Updates

Councilor Moffatt and Councilor Dolphin attended the recent Community Involvement Committee meeting. They discussed the upcoming Farmers Market/Day in the Park event, as well as the Friends of the Lauderdale Dog Park group's involvement with the event.

Discussion/Action Item

A. Resolution 072517A – Calling for a Public Hearing for Catholic Eldercare Bonds

Julie Eddington of Kennedy and Graven approached the Council to provide information regarding the City's participation in securing bank-qualified debt for Catholic Eldercare.

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Catholic Eldercare plans to use the funding to construct a 69-unit independent senior housing complex in Minneapolis.

After discussion amongst Council Members, including the benefits this project will provide to the City of Lauderdale, Councilor Moffatt moved to adopt Resolution 072517A – A Resolution Calling a Public Hearing on the Issuance of a Revenue Note and Providing Preliminary Approval to the Issuance Thereof. Councilor Dains seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

B. Annual Storm Water Report and Public Comment Opportunity

Tyler Johnson of Stantec addressed the Council to give an overview of the City's storm water effort as part of its MS4 permit. He explained the City's management of storm water and the continuing effort to minimize the sediment and pollution that enter water bodies in the state.

Mayor Gaasch opened the floor at 8:08 p.m. to anyone in attendance that would like to speak in regard to the City's storm water efforts. There being none, the floor was closed at 8:09 p.m.

C. Dog Park Drainage Project Proposal

City staff solicited a proposal for drainage improvements in Community Park as requested by the Council at the June 13 meeting. The contractor quoted the installation of a plastic catch basin at the low point on the western side of the dog park, and installation of ~100 feet of storm pipe through the dog park that will daylight near the ditch on the east side of the dog park. This work was quoted at \$3,900. There is an additional quote to include a French drain along the exterior of the west side of the dog park fence to collect more run off from the park hill and the water that generally pools in the open area after rains due to the poor soils. The cost for the French drain is \$1,950, bringing the total costs to \$5,850. Butkowski noted ongoing discussion on whether to upsize the pipes which will change the final price but wasn't reason to hold up Council discussion of the matter.

Councilor Moffatt made a motion to hire DSM Excavating to complete the excavation and drainage work including the French drain. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dolphin and carried unanimously.

D. Resolution 072517B – Amending the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan to Permit Loans

Employees contribute pretax monies to a 457 deferred compensation plan managed and administered by the International City Management Association Retirement Corporation (ICMA-RC). The plan, under current conditions, does not allow employees to access their funds until age 59 and a half, with mandatory withdrawals occurring at age 70 and a half.

Bownik addressed the Council to explain the program can be amended to allow employees to borrow their own money should they choose.

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Councilor Dolphin moved to adopt Resolution 072517B – Amending the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan to Permit Loans. The motion was seconded by Councilor Moffatt and carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Administrator Butkowski stated that the next council meeting may include a Day in the Park informational presentation, Day in the Park Performance Agreements, the 2018 Budget and Levy, and the hazardous structure at 1925 Walnut Street.

Work Session

A. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

Mayor Gaasch opened the floor to anyone in attendance that would like to address the Council. There being none, the floor was closed.

B. 2018 Budget and Levey

Administrator Butkowski went through the proposed 2018 general fund budget with the Council and answered questions that they had.

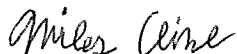
C. Community Development Update

Butkowski informed the Council that the prospective buyers of the Chinese Christian Church rescinded their offer; the online comprehensive plan survey will be available to residents shortly; and the meeting with the apartment owners went well with them especially being complimentary of the work of the St. Anthony Police Department.

Adjournment

There being no other items on the agenda, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk